

游香 [PRICE \$2 PER MONTH]

INTIMATIONS.

THEATRE ~~RENTAL~~ TOTAL
CITY HALL HONGKONG
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

beg to announce that he will shortly
take his
FAREWELL BENEFIT,
at which occasion he will be assisted by the
AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS.
who have kindly given their valuable services.

COMEDY AND OPERA
FOR
MR. H. VEENON'S
AREWELL BENEFIT
Particulars, shortly.

FOR AMOY (DIRECT).
THE Steamship
"NAMOA."
Captain Westoby, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS, LAPRAK & Co.
Agents.
Hongkong, 25th December. 1873. [2116
OR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEW.
THE Steamship

Captain Young, will be despatched for the above
 cargo on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at Day-
 light.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 DOUGLAS LAPORTE & Co.
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 25th December, 1878.

FOR BHOIRAW AND HAIPHONG.
THE Steamship
"THALES,"
Captain Pocock, will be despatched for the above
ports on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at
noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS, LAFFRAN & CO.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 25th December, 1878. 2118
 W. MA'OTAVISH & CO.,
 WINE, SPIRIT, AND CIGAR
 MERCHANTS.
 AND:

**GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,
PEDDAR'S WHARF,
HONGKONG.**

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FOR SALE.

DUEWING to Regiment leaving Station, a
SMALL CUTTER YACHT about Stone,
Black & White, built by A. B.

RECEIVED. 74th Highlanders. Munay Barracks.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1878. [2104]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE

CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO,
EX C. S.S. CO'S S.S. "STENTOR"
FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from
the Undersigned not later than the 31st
instant for shipment per Steamer "HECTOR."
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
 CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer
 "STENTOR"
 are hereby notified that the Cargo is being dis-
 charged into Craft, "A" landed at the Codowns of
 the undersigned; in both cases it will lie at

Goods undelivered after the 31st December, 1878, will be subject to Rent.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
 Hongkong, 24th December, 1878. [1899
 ACCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-

SHIP COMPANY

NOTICE

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
"GAELIC"
to hereby notified that their Goods are being
landed and stored at their risk in the Company's

Harvest or Boats delivery may be obtained on
 countersignature of Bills of Lading.
 Goods remaining unclaimed after the 31st
 instant will be subject to sale.
 No Fire Insurance has been effected.
 G. B. EMORY,
 Agent.

STEAMER "BURMESE" FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by Messrs. Norton & Co. into Messrs. Turner & Co.'s

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-DAY.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

After the 31st instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1878. [2107]
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE

LINE Steamship
"GLENGYLE"
 Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Under-
 signed, whence off from the Wharves or Boats

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 o'clock TO-DAY, the 21st instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

Hongkong, 21st December, 1878. [2096
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are

the undersigned for countersignature; and
make immediate delivery. This Cargo has been
insured and stored at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
L. HENNEQUIN,
Acting Agent.
By "ANADYR."

Ex "Piano"
MK (in diamond) { 51/5, Messrs. Aldridge, Sal-
BC { mon & Co., from London,
2 boxes Millinery
Hong Kong, 31st December, 1875.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS

A MAIL WITH STEAMERS
 For Yokohama and Hiogo.—Per *Burgess*, to-
 morrow, the 26th instant, at 4.30 p.m.
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per
Douglas, to-morrow, the 26th inst., at 5 p.m.
 For Straits Settlements.—Per *Halea*, to-
 morrow, on Friday, the 27th instant, at 4.30 p.m.
 For Saigon.—On Friday, the 27th instant,
 3.30 p.m.

For Takow, Taiwan, and Yokohama.—
 Sailed on Friday, the 27th instant, at 4.30 p.m.
 For Heliou and Niphong (with mail).
 Sailed on Friday, the 27th instant, at 4.30 p.m.
 For Port Darwin, Sydney, Cooktown, Melbourne, &c.—
 Sailed on Saturday, the 28th instant, at 2.30 p.m.
 For Saigon.—Per Cilex, on Friday, the 30th proximo, at 3.30 p.m.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKETS.
 "The French Contract Packet" "FATHU" will be despatched from Hongkong on "FATHU" D.A.T., the 28th December, with Mails and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Naples.—to Saigon, Singapore, Port Gall, Australia, New Zealand, Panama, Colon, and thence to Marseilles, Havre, and London.

and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to East Africa, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to India this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing—

FRIDAY, 27th December.

7 **p.m.** Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

SATURDAY, 28th December.

7 **a.m.** Post Office opens.

11 **a.m.** Register Letter boxes close. Posting of all printed matter ceases.

11 **a.m.** Mail closes, except for Extra Letters.

11.30 A.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents, until 11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes and 11.40 A.M. Late Letters may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAIT PACKETS

The Australian Contractors Packet "SOME SET" will be despatched from Hongkong on TUESDAY, the 28th instant, with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be registered at

11.18 A.M. The Mails will be closed at 11.30 A.M. 8 per centary Mail on board with 18 cents late until time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, as a general rule it is better to send it via Goolwa.

To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Ports of China and Japan, the Postmaster and Agents of this Office will in future be allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps from the Post Office at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama, however in either direct Money Orders must be used.

The Stamps tendered for sale must not cost \$50 in value, must be perfectly clean, good condition, and in stamps of at least 10¢ value. Stamps will be purchased only if no separate Stamps will be purchased. Stamps must be presented personally or accompanied by note.

Letters containing Stamps should be returned, and the Stamps should be secured in observation.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Office and asked that is to say, the boxes fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes

some recognisable seal, and of signing it; book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt, as to whether the contents are the box over reached Post Office; the omission of the former, whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamp.

MAILS FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM, ETC.
FEBRUARY-PACKET.

Under instructions from the London 1st Office, the mails for the United Kingdom will henceforth be sent forwarded by Messellies, benevolence be forwarded via Naples, as it is understood that a gain of twelve hours can be obtained by this route.

As it would be extremely inconvenient to dis-
 the mail and no practical advantage would be
 from doing so, all correspondence intended
 for the Kingdom of the French Packet will
 sent via Naples, even though marked with 2
 solles.

An impression appears to prevail that
 correspondence for the Mediterranean sent
 Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, the Levant, Tur-
 key, &c. can be forwarded only by the French
 It can be forwarded only by the French Packet.
 It is forwarded generally arrives a week ear-
 than if it had been detained for the British

PATENTERS.

Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining
 what is a Patent.

is *bona fide* sample of goods which the owner has for sale, or of goods which he wishes to order. It is to consist of the smallest possible quantity compatible with showing what goods are, and must have no intrinsic value.

Most countries to which the sample is sent, however, require the sender to join to the Goods Declaration or being probably about to be sent, it is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

- 1.—No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Post if it contains gold or silver money, jewelry, or any other article of value, that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.
- 2.—This Regulation prohibits the sending

Patterns of valuable articles, unless the quantity be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3.—The limits of weight allowed are as follows :

	TO BRITISH OFFICES.	
Books and Papers.....	5lb.	
Patterns.....	5lb.	
	TO FOREIGN OFFICES.	
Books and Papers.....	8lb.	
Patterns.....	20s.	

4.—The following articles must be sent by Post :

Match-boxes, Liquor, Dynamite, Gunpowder, Candles, Soap, Linoleum, Gaseous stuffs, whatever is dangerous to the Mails or offensive to the public, and all articles which are soiled or injurious to persons dealing with them.

The public is reminded that there is much thing as a Post to Europe, A ticket for disengagement is caused by sixteen attempts to send small valuable through the Post. Fans, Corsets, Aristo Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents continually being refused, the senders have often spent more in Postage than would be paid the freight by steamer. No refusal of such parcels of the value of the steamer, before the nature of the contents is discovered.

REGISTRATION TO HAMBURG
Her Britannic Majesty's Consul for Spain

means of which correspondence can be rendered to Bangkok at the usual charge cents.

The attention of owners, agents, and chart of steamers is drawn to the provisions of Part VIII Ordinance No. 1578.

Under the old Ordinance no notice was required of the departure of a vessel if not a notice, nor of departure for Canton or M. Notice is now required of any departure, with regard to sailing ships, the old rule practically remains in force, that notice need not be given.

Section XXCV. requires that the first notice sent to the Post Office.

In the case of steamers plying regularly fixed days, notice of any change in the date of sailing will be sufficient.

Stamped correspondence may still be submitted to the Post Office after the Mail is closed.

The Postmaster-General takes this opportunity of calling the attention of firms to the fact that any such words as Despatches will do no good, added to the advertisement of a session of "Allegorical" letters will be rejected by the Post Office, and the person is allowed to make collection of such letters for transmission under a penalty of one guinea per week during which the practice continues.

